

REMARKS

Claims 22-43 are pending and rejected; and claims 28-36 and 43 have been deemed to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 22, 28, 29, 31, 37 and 43 are amended; and claim 30 is cancelled hereby.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 22-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, Applicant has amended claim 22 to indicate that it is an application device and that the application device applies two liquid application medias to a moving surface. Further, claim 37 has been amended to indicate that the device referred to therein is the collection device. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 22-29 and 31-43 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Responsive to the rejection of claims 22-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph relative to the device being incapable of applying at least two liquid application media onto one or both sides of the moving media, Applicant has amended claim 22 to indicate that the application of the liquid media is to a moving surface. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 22-29 and 31-43 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Responsive to the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,105,758 (Kozak), Applicant has amended claim 22 by incorporating the element of claim 30, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable if placed in independent form, thereby placing claim 22 in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Claims 41 and 42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kozak in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,479,987 (Koepke et al.). However, claims 41 and 42 depend from claim 22, which is now in condition for allowance for the reasons given above.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 41 and 42 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Claims 23-27 and 37-42 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kozak in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,885,659 (Takahashi et al.). However, claims 23-27 and 37-42 depend from claim 22, which is now in condition for allowance for the reasons given above. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 23-27 and 37-42 are now in condition for allowance, which is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 28-36 and 43 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, which Applicant has undertaken in the amendments of claim 22 and some of the dependent claims. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are definite and do particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Moreover, Applicant submits that no combination of the cited references teaches, discloses or suggests the subject matter of the amended claims. The pending claims are therefore in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of the claims.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time, an additional extension of time, payment of fee, or additional payment of fee, Applicant hereby conditionally petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 20-0095, TAYLOR & AUST, P.C.

Should any question concerning any of the foregoing arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (260) 897-3400.

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